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MARS SNACKFOOD US, LI	LC .	
	Plaintiff,	08 Civ. 5265 (GL)
- against -		AFFIDAVIT FOR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT
CERES COMMODITIES GRO	OUP, LLC	
*****	Defendant.	
STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK)) ss.;)	

David J. Stone, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am a member of the Bar of this Court, and am associated with the firm of 1. Greenberg Traurig LLP, attorneys for plaintiff in the above-entitled action, and I am familiar with all the facts and circumstances in this action.
- 2. I make this affidavit pursuant to Rule 55.1 and 55.2(a) of the Civil Rules for the Southern District of New York, in support of plaintiff's application for the entry of a default judgment against defendant. The party against whom a notation of default is sought is not an infant, in the military or an incompetent person.
- 3. This is an action to recover \$444,902.94 owed by defendant to plaintiff for breach of contract, goods had and received, open account and account stated.
- 4. Jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action is based on 28 U.S.C. § 1332, Diversity jurisdiction.
- 5. This action was commenced on June 9, 2008 by the filing of the summons and complaint (a copy of the Summons and Complaint are attached hereto as Exhibit A). A copy

of the summons and complaint was served on the defendent on June 10, 2008, by personal service on Roland G. Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer, Ceres Commodities Group LLC, and proof of service by the Special Process Server was filed. (A copy of the Proof of Service is attached hereto as Exhibit B.) The defendant has not answered the complaint and the time for the defendant to answer the complaint has expired. (A copy of the Clerk's Certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit C.)

- 6. This action seeks judgment for the liquidated amount of \$444,902.94, plus interest at 9% as set forth in the attached Annex A for a total as of August 6, 2008 of \$471,321.24, as shown by the annexed Statement, which is justly due and owing, and no part of which has been paid except as therein set forth.
- 7. An inquest on the amount of damages is not necessary. Transatlantic Marine Claims Agency, Inc. v. Ace Shipping Corp., Div. of Ace Young Inc., 109 F.3d 105, 111 (2d Cir. 1997). Rule 55(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that, in order to determine the amount of damages in the context of a default judgment, "the court may conduct... . a hearing." The Second Circuit has held that, under Rule 55(b)(2), "it [is] not necessary for the District Court to hold a hearing, as long as it ensured that there was a basis for the damages specified in the default judgment." Fustok v. ContiCommodity Services, Inc., 873 F.2d 38, 40 (2d Cir.1989); see also Tamarin v. Adam Caterers, Inc., 13 F.3d 51, 54 (2d Cir.1993) ("not necessary for the district court to hold a hearing to fix damages after a default judgment had been entered where the court had 'relied upon detailed affidavits and documentary evidence supplemented by the District Judge's personal knowledge of the record gained during four years involvement with the litigation ... "); Action S.A. v. Marc Rich & Co., Inc., 951 F.2d 504, 508 (2d Cir.1991) (where district judge was "inundated with affidavits, evidence, and oral presentations" a full evidentiary hearing was not necessary).

- 8. Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of unpaid invoices for goods received by defendant in the amount of \$444,902.94, plus interest. (Copies of the subject invoices are attached hereto as Exhibit D.) The amount of Plaintiff's damages are clear from the face of the invoices, and no inquest is necessary.
- 9. The disbursements sought to be taxed have been made in this action or will necessarily be made herein.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests the entry of Default and the entry of the annexed Judgment against defendant.

David J. Stone

Sworn to before me this day of Agust 2022

Notary Public

CHRISTY SCHAEFFER Notary Public, State of New York No. 31-4769958

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Annex A

Unpaid Invoices:

- (1) Invoice # 44: Principal: \$ 55,915.43 Simple Interest (9%): \$4,880.73 (from 8/18/07)
- (2) Invoice #68: Principal: \$222,404.00 Simple Interest (9%): \$10,693.67 (from 1/24/08)
- (3) Invoice #121: Principal: \$166,583.52 Simple Interest (9%): \$10,843.90 (from 11/16/07); for a total principal amount of \$444,902.95 and a total interest amount of \$26,418.30.

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MARS SNACKFOOD US, LLC,

Plaintiff,

UNITED STATES DIST

v.

COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

CERES COMMODITIES GROUP, LLC,

Defendant.

Plaintiff Mars Snackfood US, LLC (formerly known as Masterfoods USA) ("Mars"), alleges as follows against Defendant Ceres Commodities Group ("Ceres"):

INTRODUCTION

1. This is an Action for breach of contract, goods had and received, and open account, in which Plaintiff Mars sues Defendant Ceres for non-payment of three invoices representing shipments of cocoa beans sold by Plaintiff to Defendant, for which Plaintiff is owed the aggregate amount of \$444,902.94.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, because Plaintiff and Defendant are corporate citizens of different States and the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds \$75,000.
- 3. Venue is proper in this judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a)(1) because the defendant resides in this District.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff Mars is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Its corporate headquarters are in Hackettstown, New Jersey. Plaintiff is a member of the group of companies ultimately owned by Mars, Incorporated, located in McLean, Virginia. Plaintiff is a manufacturer of, *inter alia*, chocolate confectionery products, and therefore is a buyer and occasional seller of cocoa beans.
- 5. On information and belief, Defendant Ceres is a New York corporation, with headquarters in New York, New York. Ceres is a commodity trader and broker, with whom Mars has done business for a number of years.

FACTS

- 6. On or about May 7, 2007, Defendant placed an order with Plaintiff for 12.357 metric tons of Hispaniola cocoa beans, at \$4,525.00 per metric ton, for a total of \$55,915.42. Goods conforming in all respects to the order were duly shipped, and an invoice (#44) was issued on August 8, 2007. The terms of payment of the invoice were net ten days. Defendant has failed to pay this amount.
- 7. On or about June 27, 2007, Defendant placed an order with Plaintiff for 97.760 metric tons of Sanchez cocoa beans, at \$2,275.00 per metric ton, for a total of \$222,404.00. Goods conforming in all respects to the order were duly shipped, and an invoice (#68) was issued on January 14, 2008. The terms of payment of the invoice were net ten days. Defendant has failed to pay this amount.
- 8. On or about October 31, 2007, Defendant placed an order with Plaintiff for 79.920 metric tons of Haitian cocoa beans, at \$2,160.00 per metric ton, for a total of

- \$166,583.52. Goods conforming in all respects to the order were duly shipped, and an invoice (#121) was issued on November 6, 2007. The terms of payment of the invoice were net ten days. Defendant has failed to pay this amount.
- 9. The total amount in which Defendant remains indebted to Plaintiff is the sum of the three invoices referenced above, or \$444,902.94.
- 10. Repeated written and oral demands for payment of the aforementioned debt have been ignored or rebuffed by Defendant.

COUNT ONE: BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 11. The allegations of paragraphs 1-10, *supra*, are re-alleged as if set forth in full herein.
- 12. According to the terms of the contract between Plaintiff and Defendant, by which Plaintiff performed by delivering fully merchantable cocoa beans to Defendant as recited above, Defendant was obligated to pay the invoice amount for each shipment. In the specific instances noted herein, Defendant failed to pay those amounts.
- 13. The failure or refusal of Defendant to pay for the shipments of cocoa beans delivered to it by Plaintiff constitutes a breach of the contract between the parties, causing Plaintiff injury in the amount of \$444,902.94.

COUNT TWO: GOODS HAD AND RECEIVED

- 14. The allegations of paragraphs 1-10, *supra*, are re-alleged as if set forth in full herein.
- 15. As from the date of receipt of each of the shipments of cocoa beans noted above, Defendant has had possession and use of the fully merchantable cocoa beans sold to it by Plaintiff, and has been able to profit thereby, although it has failed to pay for those goods.

16. The failure or refusal of Defendant to pay for the shipments of cocoa beans delivered to it by Plaintiff, although it has received them and has taken possession of them, has caused Plaintiff injury in the amount of \$444,902.94.

COUNT THREE: OPEN ACCOUNT

- 17. The allegations of paragraphs 1-10, *supra*, are re-alleged as if set forth in full herein.
- 18. Plaintiff sold goods, including cocoa beans, to Defendant on an open account basis.
- 19. The unliquidated balance of the account between Plaintiff and Defendant is currently \$444,902.94, representing the three unpaid invoices detailed above.

COUNT FOUR: ACCOUNT STATED

- 20. The allegations of paragraphs 1-10, *supra*, are re-alleged as if set forth in full herein.
 - 21. Plaintiff sent invoices to Defendant in the amount of 444,902.94.
- 22. Defendant never objected to the amount of the invoices and never paid the invoices.
 - 23. Defendant has harmed Plaintiff in the amount of \$44,902.94.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Mars Snackfood US, LLC, prays for relief against Defendant as follows:

- a) ASSUME jurisdiction over this Action;
- b) AWARD damages to Plaintiff and against Defendant in the amount of \$444,902.94, plus pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law; and

c) GRANT to Plaintiff such additional relief as to the Court shall appear just and equitable.

June 9, 2008 New York, New York GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP

By:

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- against -	CLERK'S CERTIFICATE
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Defendant.	
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I, J. MICHAEL MCMAHON, Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, do hereby certify that this action commenced on June 9, 2008 with the filing of a summons and complaint, a copy of the summons and complaint was served on defendant by serving the NYS Secretary of State and Ceres Commodities Group, LLC, by hand, and proof of such service thereof was filed on June 17, 2008.

I further certify that the docket entries indicate that the defendant has not filed an answer or otherwise moved with respect to the complaint herein. The default of the defendant is hereby noted.

Dated: New York, New York

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J. MICHAEL MCMAHON
Clerk of the Court

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Masterfoode USA A Mats, Incorporated Company 800 High Street Hackettstown, NJ 07480 USA

Phone: (908) 852-1000 Fax: (908) 850-7523

Invoice

Shipped:

CERES COMMODITIES GROUP Attn: ROLAND SANCHEZ

420 MADISON AVE. NEW YORK, NY 10017 Invoice Number Invoice Date P.O. Number Order Date

44 6/8/2007 5/7/2007

Terms:

Contact Name Phone Number: Fax Number: ROLAND SANCHEZ (212) 549-3299 (212) 980-3537

Ship Date

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420 MADISON AVE. NEW YORK, NY 10017

CERES COMMODITIES GROUP

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Product Line Total	Description	Quant	ilty in	MTs Unit Price	MTs
C.B.HISPANOLA	2381		12.357	\$4,525.0000 MT	\$55,915.43
		Total Quantity	12.367 MTs	Subtotal	\$55,915.42
				Freight Charge	\$0.00
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420 MADISON AVE. NEW YORK, NY 10017

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Product Line Total	Descriptio		Quantity in	MTs Unit	MTs
C.B. SANCHEZ	2389		97.760	\$2,275,0000 MT	\$222,404.00
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ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED: That the plaintiff have judgment against defendant on the following invoices in the following amounts:

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